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1. On 22 April, two twin-engine jet aircraft and the MIG-15's and MIG-17's stationed at Merseburg engaged in day and night flying on the airfield. The field was occupied by 35 MIG-15's or MIG-17's and the two twin-engine aircraft.
2. A number of officers were observed for the first time, among them one colonel, three lieutenant colonels and one major.
3. Daily arrivals of ten to fifteen LI-2's were observed. The aircraft were unloaded within 30 to 40 minutes and took off again.

Comment: The identification of MIG-17's at Merseburg has not been confirmed. The mission of the LI-2's has not been determined.

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Comment: MIG-17's at Merseburg  
The twin-engine aircraft probably were IL-28's, and may have been used in towed-target practices.

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